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Remarks:

The amendments and remarks presented herein are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2004.

Claims 90-103 are pending in the application. Claims 26-40 and 78-89 have been canceled herein without prejudice. Claims 26-40 and 78-89 were previously withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner as being drawn to nonelected inventions. Applicants have thus canceled claims 26-40 and 78-89 herein without prejudice, such that these claims may be pursued in a divisional application in the future. Claims 1-25 and 41-77 were previously canceled without prejudice.

Claim 100 has been amended herein and the specification has been amended to correct a typographical error in the reference to the parent patent application, and to update a reference to an incorporated patent application that has now issued as a patent. No new matter has been added by the amendments.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claim 100 was objected to because the term "vibrating member" did not have proper antecedent basis. Claim 100 has been amended to include the term "vibratable member" to provide proper antecedent basis for the claim. The objection of claim 100 is thus obviated and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 90-103 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Nomura et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,129,803.

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TELEPHONE INTERVIEW CONDUCTED ON DECEMBER 20, 2004

The undersigned attorney wishes to express his gratitude to Examiner Hartmann for the courtesies extended to the undersigned during the telephone interview conducted on December 20, 2004. During the interview, the undersigned attorney was provided the opportunity to discuss with the Examiner the nature of Applicants' invention and the manner in which it distinguishes over the cited prior art references, namely, Nomura et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,129,803. During the interview, it was agreed that independent claim 90, as originally filed, is distinguished over the disclosure of Nomura et al., such that no amendments to the claims are necessary to overcome the rejection. Applicants submit that the dependent claims 91-103 are also distinguished over Nomura et al. such that claims 90-103 are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 91-103 and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

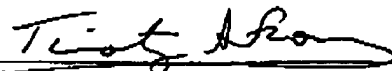
Claims 90-103 are pending in the application. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 90-103 are in condition for allowance, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance of claims is earnestly and respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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